

## LINCOLN'S PARENTS.

### ABE A BRIGHT BOY.

Studied at Night by Spruce Wood Light.

The following is from a review in the New York Sun of "The Early Life of Abraham Lincoln," published in McClure's Magazine:

Thomas and Nancy Lincoln were married near Beechland, in Washington county, Ky., the date being, as we have said, June 12, 1806. The wedding was celebrated by an "infare," or festival given by the bride's guardian, to which came all the neighbors, and according to Dr. Graham, all those who happened to be in the neighborhood were made welcome. He tells how he heard of the wedding while "out hunting for roots," and went "just to get a good supper." "I saw Nancy Hanks Lincoln at her wedding," he continues, "a fresh looking girl, I should say over twenty. I was at the infare, too, given by her guardian, and only girls with money had guardians appointed by the court. We had bear meat (that you can eat the grease of, and it is not like other fats); venison; wild turkey and duck; eggs, wild and tame (so common that you could buy them at two bits a bushel); maple sugar swung on a string, to bite off for coffee or whiskey; syrup in big gourd; peach and honey; a sheep that the two families barbecued whole over coals of wood burned in a pit and covered with green boughs to keep the juices in a race for the whiskey bottle. Our table was of the punchcups cut from solid logs, and, on the next day, they were the floor of the cabin." Dr. Graham adds: "It is all stuff about Tom Lincoln's keeping his wife in an open shed in the winter when the wild animals left the woods, and stood in the corners next the stick-and-clay chimneys, so as not to freeze to death; or, if climbers, got on the roof. The Lincolns had a cow and a calf, milk and butter, a good feather bed, for I have slept in it (while they took the buffalo robes on the floor, because I was a doctor). They had home-woven 'kiverlids,' big and little pots, a loom and wheel; and William Hardesty, who was there, too, can say with me that Tom Lincoln was a man, and took care of his wife."

After his marriage, Thomas Lincoln settled in Elizabethtown, and it is true that his home there was a log cabin, but the authors of this volume remind us that, at that date, few people in Kentucky had anything else. The great majority of the population still lived in log cabins, so that the home of Thomas Lincoln was as good as the homes of most of his neighbors. Little is known of his position in Elizabethtown, but there is proof that he had credit in the community, for the descendants of two of the early store-keepers of the place still remember seeing on their grandfather's account book, sundry items charged to T. Lincoln. Tools and groceries were the chief purchases he made, though, on one of the ledgers, a pair of "silk suspenders," worth a dollar and a half, was entered. He was sufficiently respected by the public authorities to be appointed, in 1816, a road surveyor or as the office is known in some localities, supervisor. In a word, all of the documents mentioning Thomas Lincoln, which the authors of this book have been able to discover, show him to have had a much better social and financial status in Hardin county than he has been credited with.

It was at Elizabethtown that the first child of the Lincolns was born, a daughter. Soon after this event Thomas Lincoln decided to combine farming with his carpenter's trade and moved to the farm he had bought in 1803, in Hardin county. Here he was living, when, on February 12, 1809, his second child, a boy, was born. The little newcomer was called Abraham, after his grandfather, a name which, like other Biblical appellations, had persisted through many generations of descendants from the first English emigrant to Massachusetts. Mrs. Lincoln, who, as we have seen, was better educated than her husband, was at great pains to teach her children what she knew, and at her knee they learned all the Bible lore, fairy tales, and country legends that she had been able to gather in her poor life. As soon as they were old enough, the Lincoln children went to school, although at that day the school terms were irregular, their length being determined by the ability of the settlers to afford an itinerant schoolmaster and pay him a small salary. Many of the schoolmasters were Catholics, strolling Irishmen from the Irish colony in Tennessee, or French priests from Kaskaskia. Lincoln's first teacher, Zacharia Riney, was a Catholic. Of his second teacher, Caleb Hazel, even less is known than of Riney. One of his Kentucky contemporaries and neighbors, Austin Dallas, says that Abraham Lincoln, in the days when he was a schoolmate, was "an unusually bright boy, and made splendid progress in his studies. He learned faster than any of his schoolmates. Though so young, he studied very hard. He would get spicewood berries, hack them up on a log, and burn them, two or three together, for the purpose of giving light by which he might pursue his studies."

## What is Wealth?

Geo. T. Angell.

By suggestion of one of our exchanges we reprint this from a back number: Does wealth consist in money, houses, lands, bank stocks, railroad bonds, etc., alone?

We think not. The young man starting in life with no money, but with good digestion, good sleep, good health and ability to work in some profitable employment, has what the aged capitalist would be glad to exchange all his millions for.

What compensation is money for sleepless nights and painful days, or the misconduct of dissipated children?

What brings the greater happiness—the glitter, show, jealousies and falsity of fashionable life, or the heartfelt friendships which prevail so largely in the homes of the industrious poor?

In how many of the palaces of our millionaires will you find greater happiness in the parlor than in the kitchen?

How many millionaires will tell you that they are happier now than when starting life without a dollar?

On the tops of mountains we find rocks, and ice, and snow. It is down in the valleys that we find the vineyards.

Let no man envy those richer than himself until, taking all things into account—age, health, wife, children, friends—he is sure he would be willing to exchange.

## Poultry Notes.

Give fowls shade.

Kill off all surplus roosters.

Give fowls air and exercise.

Give fowls lime, grit and light.

Give fowls fresh earth to scratch.

Give fowls fresh water twice a day.

Oats should be crushed if fed to little chicks.

Do not feed much corn during the summer.

Give the yarded poultry fresh meat or cut green bone.

Keep the little chick out of the grass when it is wet with rain or dew.

To have eggs keep well they must be fresh when picked, salted or put down.

Keep the fowls in a dry place, but give them plenty of fresh water daily.

Air slacked lime is cheap. Use it freely every week—twice, three times a week.

If the runs are small and not easily kept dry it is important that they be spaded over often.

A poultry car, arranged properly will furnish room for five thousand fowls.

Clean quarters, dust, kerosene oil and fresh air are essential to success in summer poultry keeping.

If the poultry are yarded give them plenty of chopped grass, green oats, clover or fresh vegetables every day.

Keep the coops of the little chicks well drenched with kerosene oil and give the chicks a dusting of Scotch snuff.

It is estimated that ten years ago there was but one person engaged in chicken raising where there are twenty-five to-day.

It is not necessary that a large body of water be had to raise ducks successfully—give them plenty to drink and they will grow without a swim.

Light, exercise, green food and plenty of fresh water with dry quarters are necessary to the health of the poultry and the profit of their owner.

Dust the sitting hens with Scotch snuff and give the coops into which the newly hatched chicks are put, a good dressing or drenching with kerosene oil.

## Look on the Bright Side.

Southern Farm.

There is no such sure method of keeping the health as to look on the bright side of life, and keep as cheerful as possible. Of course, there are sore trials in this world, and they come to us sooner or later, but until they do come look only on the bright side of life. To be always looking for sorrow will make the very strongest among us weak. Take the world easily; make time for rest and enjoyment and there will be less need for doctors. The human mind can only bear so much strain, and happy is he who has the good sense to learn how far he can go with safety.

Neither can a person be cheerful and healthy who has nothing with which to occupy himself. The more varied the work so much more the pleasure is there to be found in it; but even if it is one dreary grind, try to be cheerful over it, and it won't seem so dreary. Seek to find all the good there is to be found in life, and look only for the best trait in human beings. If it seems all but impossible to find any bright side to things keep on trying to believe there is a bright side to things and you will surely find it.

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## Ram's Horn.

Men run to the devil and creep toward God. Little troubles are big troubles to little men.

There is no sin that dies a harder death than pride.

The man who is a slave to himself has a hard master. Great things are done by learning not to slight little ones.

The loafer never blames the right man for his bad luck.

Our friends may leave us, but God will still be very close.

There are many people who have more religion than love.

The man who makes a profession that he does not live compels himself to live a lie.

The old serpent has not grown a quarter of an inch since he tempted Adam.

How soon the soul starves when it begins to look at everything through money.

It is impossible for any man to become rich who does not first become contented.

The Bible is the only book ever written that points out a sure way to become rich.

Look out for a man who makes a specialty of pointing out faults in other folks.

God has never yet found time to make a world that shiftless men could prosper in.

The Christian who does not have a mountain-moving faith has lived below his privilege.

Lifting on the burden of another beats training in a gymnasium for increasing strength.

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Ar. Florence 7 20	3 00		

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 78.	No. 32.	No. 40.
Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
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Lv. Tarboro 12 20		
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Train on Scotland Neck Branch road leaves Weldon 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:13 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:05 p. m. Greenville 6:47 p. m., Kinston 7:45 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:20 a. m., Greenville 8:22 a. m. Arriving Halifax at 11:00 a. m., Weldon 11:20 a. m., daily except Sunday.

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Train on Midland, N. C., Branch leaves Goldsboro, daily except Sunday 6:00 a. m., arrive Smithfield 7:30 a. m. Returning leaves Smithfield 8:00 a. m., arrive Goldsboro 9:30 a. m.

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